

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on May 8th, A.D. 2014 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske and Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also present: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Tom Dunn, Business Manager, Fire Chief Petrin and Police Chief Wordell.**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas) abstaining from voting (Mushen): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for April 24, 2014.**

**Announcements:**

**1) The Town has been informed that we will be recipient of a grant award from RI Dept. of Environmental Management for the Athletic Field Project. The value of this award will not be known until the award ceremony on May 15, 2014.**

**2) The residents of the Town are reminded to be mindful of removing recycling materials from the solid waste stream. Each year beginning in April the Town bears the burden of an increased tipping fee (a \$20 increase per ton) due to the town exceeding its solid waste cap set by**

**RI Resource Recovery. Separating recycling materials out of the waste stream will provide cost savings to the town.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Police Department Head Report for April 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for April 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head Report for January 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the payment of \$4,500 to ICM Corp. – Clerk of the Works April 2014 and \$3,740 to ICM Corp. – Project Manager April 2014, totaling \$8,240 to be paid under BAN Disbursement #27 to be charged the Bond Anticipation Note for the School Renovation Project.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow the Town Council President to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion provided to the School Building Committee as of April 25, 2014.**

**The Council President noted that Chairman of the Planning Board has been working with Statewide Planning to determine a course of action for the Town to update its Comprehensive Plan. A previous vote of the Council determined that the Town would undertake an interim standard review for the update. Due to time constraints and the volume of work to be done to comply with new standards being developed the state has offered a suggestion. In a letter received this date by the Council President Statewide Planning offers the Town the option of conducting a very limited review to be filed for June 2015 that will only be a 2 year update or the interim standard to be completed by June 2015 for a 10 year update. The State suggests the Town not waste resources conducting two updates in the next few years. The Council President and Planning Board Chairman will meet on the 13th with the State to finalize the course of action to be taken. After a brief discussion the following was voted:**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To proceed with an interim standard review of the Town's Comprehensive Plan to be submitted**

**to RI Statewide Planning by June 2015 which will result in a 10 year approval based on the recommendation of Statewide Planning.**

**Councilor Bodington noted that he has had some difficulty reaching the contact for the Senior Tennis League. During a brief communication he now knows that the contact will return to town at the end of May. She mentioned that she only had phone and e-mail information about the members of the league and would need to inquire as to the residency of the members. She also brought it to the attention of Councilor Bodington that this league has purchased nets for the courts without seeking reimbursement for the expense.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To table until the May 22, 2014 Town Council meeting further discussion of a request to use the Town Tennis Courts by the Little Compton Senior Tennis League.**

**Councilor Mushen announced that RI Dept. of Revenue has granted the Town the authority to exceed the State mandated property tax cap by a specific value. This letter of approval will be read to the electorate at the Annual Financial Town Meeting on May 20, 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Council**

**President Mushen and Police Chief to sign a renewal of the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Police Departments of the Town of Little Compton and the Town of Tiverton.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): Based on a verbal request the Town Council hereby votes to title Rescue #3 (a rescue vehicle no longer in service) back to the Little Compton Volunteer Fire Department, contingent upon the LCVFD removing said Rescue #3 from the Town Transfer Station upon title transfer.**

**Chief Petrin will make sure Rescue #3 can be started as it has been out of service for some time.**

**Councilor Mushen announced that the LC Municipal Trust has voted to offer the Town a matching fund donation for use in conjunction with the Athletic Field Project of \$125,000 of LCMT funds to be matched by \$62,500 from the Town and up to \$62,500 of donated funds to be raised by the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee. The Town Solicitor has reviewed this proposed donation and approves of the proposed matching funds donation.**

**At 7:26 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Class F-1 one day Beverage License to the Little Compton Little League for its Annual Chicken Barbeque to be held on May 17, 2014 at the Little Compton Game Club at the facility on John Dyer Road.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to Nayiri Arzoumanian and Ian A Schwartz to use Veteran's Field on May 30 and May 31 to temporarily park cars for a period of time each day, contingent upon filing the Town's Indemnification Form.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant the renewal of a Hawkers & Peddlers License and a Victualing License to Acacia Café Food Truck, Acacia Catering LLC to operate in Little Compton, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Victualing License to Heather C. Zoller d/b/a Z Food Truck to sell food at South Shore Beach with Beach Commission approval and subject to meeting all**

**state and local requirements.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adopt the follow resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the influences of special interest are increasingly providing opportunities for conflict of interest thereby corrupting the process of transparent and accountable governance; and**

**WHEREAS, current RI Code of Ethics legislation is intended to prevent conflict of interest and promote transparency and accountability in the course of elected and appointed public officials performing their public duties without condition; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Little Compton supports the RI Code of Ethics and the RI Ethics Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, all elected and appointed officials in the State of Rhode Island including the Town of Little Compton are required to comply with the RI Code of Ethics, with the single exception of the RI General Assembly, and fall under the jurisdiction of the RI Ethics Commission for adjudication for non-compliance or violation of the RI Code of Ethics; and**

**WHEREAS, the current proposal for a Referendum to amend RI Code**

**of Ethics legislation would, as it did prior to the Irons Ruling by the RI Supreme Court, again include the RI General Assembly under the jurisdiction of the RI Ethics Commission for adjudication for non-compliance or violation of the RI Code of Ethics, and**

**WHEREAS, this proposed amendment would enhance and complete the original intent of this statute which is to prevent conflict of interest in the course of elected and appointed public officials performing their public duties without condition; and**

**WHEREAS, it would consequently contribute toward the improvement of a more transparent and accountable government for both the Town of Little Compton and the State of Rhode Island;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Compton Town Council expresses its support for the substance, intent and spirit of the proposed Referendum to put before the voters of Constitutional amendment to include the RI General Assembly under the jurisdiction of the RI Ethics Commission for adjudication for non-compliance or violation of the RI Code of Ethics as presented in the Joint Resolutions S-2034 and H-7593, and cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to Governor Lincoln Chafee, Senate President Teresa Paiva-Weed and House Speaker Nicholas Mattiello, Senator Louis P. DiPalma and State Representative Dennis M. Canario.**

**Adopted by the Little Compton Town Council on this 9th day of May,**



**2014.**

**Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:**

- 1. Letter from the LC Community Center reviewing a regulation change by Dept. of Child, Youth and Family Services concerning bathroom facilities.**
- 2. Letter from the LC Community Center giving further detail on their summer camp and their previous request to use 32 Commons as an overflow option.**
- 3. Letter from the RI Dept. of Revenue, Div. of Municipal Finance authorizing the Notice of Proposed Property Tax Rate Change**
- 4. Letter from the RI Dept. of Revenue, Div. of Municipal Finance authorizing the Town to exceed the property tax cap due to an increase in debt service.**
- 5. Letter of gratitude received from the Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. for the CDBG PY2013 award.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,**

**Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$32,531.21**

**Emmett Hayes - MEDS funds \$119.99**

**Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall & 32 Commons \$22.42**

**Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance \$17.67**

**Edith Marion - Planning - Building - Zoning \$395.50**

**Richard S. Humphrey - legal services \$72.50**

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**Nationalgrid - street lights \$24.93**

**Nationalgrid - street lights Town Dock \$44.98**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Maintenance \$52.06**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Public Safety Complex \$2,210.00**

**Petro - Public Safety Complex \$2,181.58**

**Petro - Maintenance \$832.82**

**Petro - 32 Commons \$301.76**

**Petro - diesel \$1,160.35**

**EastBay Newspapers - Highway - CDBG \$160.65**

**EastBay Newspapers - Probate \$60.00**

**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$424.75**

**Scott Morrison - Charter Review Committee \$555.72**

**Thomas Wood - Drug Forfeiture \$660.00**

**John Faria - Drug Forfeiture \$79.41**

**Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$335.41 \$1,074.82**

**Tiverton sign shop \$800.00**

**Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$440.00**

**Sullivan Tire - Police Dept. \$503.88**

**Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$25.07 \$1,768.95**

**Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$30.25**

**Verizon Wireless - Building Official \$59.03**

**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$31.62**

**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$35.84**

**Effluent Technologies - Wastewater Treatment Facility \$792.60**

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**Modern Printing - Town Clerk \$226.50**

**Richard S. Humphrey - legal services \$159.50**

**Direct Energy - Street Lights \$10.40**

**Direct Energy - Street Lights Town Dock \$10.98**

**Cox Communications - Computer \$252.00**

**Cox Communications - Town Hall Depts. \$251.04**

**Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$127.75**

**John W Kennedy Co. - Fire Dept. \$188.47**

**Sullivan Tire - Fire Dept. \$108.80**

**Shipman's Fire Equip. Co - Fire Dept. \$153.95**

**CyberComm Inc. - Fire Dept. \$490.00**

**Henry's Tire Service - Fire Dept. \$79.95**

**S & W Healthcare Corp. - Fire Dept. \$180.26**

**Southcoast Hospitals Group - Fire Dept. \$95.85 \$1,425.03**

**Fieldstone Gardens - Tree Committee \$326.19**

**Sakonnet Tree Inc. - Tree Committee \$1,809.19**

**United Congregational Church - Tree Committee \$50.00**

**Hope Taylor - Tree Committee \$92.00**

**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer    \$454.41**  
**Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex    \$1,046.34**  
**Nationalgrid - Transfer Station    \$54.46**  
**Petro - gasoline    \$3,888.96**  
**Dave Venancio - Inspectors    \$930.00**  
**David Sisson Contracting - Highway    \$2,230.00**  
**David Sisson Contracting - Highway    \$5,095.00**  
**Seekonk Supply Inc. - Highway    \$627.92**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:30 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**